OTHER REQUIREMENTS

### § 1216.319 Environmental resources document.

Each Field Installation Director shall ensure that there exists an environmental resources document which describes the current environment at that field installation, including current information on the effects of NASA operations on the local environment. This document shall include information on the same environmental effects as included in an environmental impact statement (see 14 CFR 1216.307). This document shall be coordinated with the Associate Administrator for Management and shall be published in an appropriate NASA report category for use as a reference document in preparing other environmental documents (e.g., environmental impact statements for proposed actions to be located at the NASA field installation in question). The Director of each NASA field installation shall ensure that existing resource documents are reviewed and updated, if necessary, by December 31, 1980, and at appropriate intervals thereafter.

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# § 1216.320 Environmental review and consultation requirements.

- (a) Headquarters officials and Field Installation Directors shall, to the maximum extent possible, conduct environmental analyses, assessments, and any impact statement preparation concurrently with environmental reviews required by the laws and regulations listed below:
- (1) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) requires identification of National Register properties, eligible properties, or properties which may be eligible for the National Register within the area of the potential impact of a NASA proposed action. Evaluation of the impact of the NASA action on such properties shall be discussed in draft environmental impact statements and transmitted to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for comments.
- (2) Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires indentification of and consultation on aspects of the NASA action that may

- affect listed species or their habitat. A written request for consultation, along with the draft statement, shall be conveyed to the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service, as appropriate, for the Region where the action will be carried out.
- (3) Executive Order 11988 (Floodplains Management) and Executive Order 11990 (Wetlands), as amended, and implemented by 14 CFR subpart 1216.2— Floodplains and Wetlands Management, prescribe procedures to avoid adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains and wetlands and require identification and evaluation of actions which are proposed for location in or which may affect a floodplain or wetland. A comparative evaluation of such actions shall be discussed in draft environmental impact statements and transmitted to appropriate State Single Point of Contact for comments.
- (b) Other environmental review and consultation requirements peculiar to NASA, if any, may be identified in the NASA environmental impact implementation handbook.

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## § 1216.321 Environmental effects abroad of major Federal actions.

- (a) In accordance with these procedures and E.O. 12114, "Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions" (44 FR 1957), dated January 4, 1979, the Headquarters official shall analyze actions under his/her cognizance with due regard for the environmental effects abroad of such actions. The Headquarters official shall consider whether such actions involve:
- (1) Potential environmental effects on the global commons (i.e., oceans and the upper atmosphere);
- (2) Potential environmental effects on a foreign nation not participating with or not otherwise involved in the NASA activity;
- (3) The export of products or facilities producing products (or emission/effluents) which in the United States are prohibited or strictly regulated because their effects on the environment create a serious public health risk. The

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Associate Administrator for Management will provide additional guidance regarding the types of chemical, physical, and biological agents involved.

- (4) A physical project which, in the U.S., would be prohibited or strictly regulated by Federal law to protect the environment against radioactive substances:
- (5) Potential environmental effects on natural and ecological resources of global importance and which the President in the future may designate (or which the Secretary of State designates pursuant to international treaty). A list of any such designations will be available from the Associate Administrator for Management.
- (b) Prior to decisions (§1216.304) on any action falling into the categories specified in paragraph (a), the Head-quarters official shall make a determination whether such action may have a significant environmental effect abroad.
- (c) If the Headquarters official determines that the action will not have a significant environmental effect abroad, he/she shall prepare a memorandum for the record which states the reasoning behind such a determination. A copy of the memorandum shall be forwarded to the Associate Administrator for Management. Note that these procedures do not allow for categorical exclusions (E.O. 12114, section 2–5(d)).
- (d) If the Headquarters official determines that an action may have a significant environmental effect abroad, he/she shall consult with the Associate Administrator for Management and the Director, International Relations Division. The Associate Administrator for Management, in coordination with the Director, International Relations Division, shall (as specified in E.O. 12114) make a determination whether the subject action requires:
- (1) An environmental impact statement,
- (2) Bilateral or multilateral environmental studies, or
- (3) Concise reviews of environmental issues.
- (e) When informed of the determination of the Associate Administrator for Management, the Headquarters official shall proceed to take the necessary ac-

tions in accordance with these implementing procedures.

(f) The Associate Administrator for Management shall, in coordination with the Associate Administrator for External Relations, determine when an affected nation shall be informed regarding the availability of documents referred to in paragraph (d) of this section and coordinate with the Departions with foreign governments concerning environmental matters as related to E.O. 12114.

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## PART 1217—DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF SPACE ARTICLES

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#### § 1217.100 Scope.

This part sets forth policy and procedures with respect to the use of the NASA's authority to certify to the U.S. Commissioner of Customs duty-free entry of articles into the United States for the use of NASA or for implementation of a NASA international program, including articles that will be launched into space, spare parts for such articles, ground support equipment, or uniquely associated equipment for use in connection with a NASA international program or launch service agreement. This part also sets forth NASA's procedures with respect to the use of its authority to bring foreignowned articles and articles from space into the customs territory of the United States, and describes the nonimport status of such articles.